

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, today 8.4 million Americans have a history of cancer and are considered cancer survivors, thanks to advances in early cancer detection, treatment and research; and

WHEREAS, major scientific breakthroughs in the last 15 years have changed the way we think about cancer; and

WHEREAS, today, 60 percent of people diagnosed with cancer survive the disease; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has an active, productive survivor population, demonstrating that a cancer diagnosis is no loner an automatic death sentence; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and services; and

WHEREAS, communities all across Idaho will be celebrating life by participating in the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2003, to be

CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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